

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A coated steel product comprises a metallic strip material which has a coating comprising an electrically insulating layer doped with sodium. The thermal expansion coefficient of said metallic strip material is less than $12 \times 10^{-6} \text{ K}^{-1}$ in the temperature range 0-600°C. Said product may be coated with an electrically conducting layer of molybdenum. The coated steel product is useful as a substrate for flexible $\text{Cu}(\text{In,Ga})\text{Se}_2$ (CIGS) solar cells.